

**THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**  
**BEST WESTERN INN OF ALEXANDRIA**  
**June 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2026**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026**

8:00 AM	Dept HQ & Registration (Legion, Aux & SAL)	Lobby
9:00 AM	Department Adjutant: Training/Discussion	Rose Garden
9:30 AM	Americanism	Sunflower
11:00 AM	Constitution & By-Laws	Dogwood
12:30 PM	Children & Youth	Sunflower
2:00 PM	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Dogwood
3:00 PM	Internal Affairs	Sunflower
6:00 PM	DEC	Rose Garden

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026**

8:00 AM	US Flag Raising – Hotel Flag Pole	Hotel Front Entrance
8:00 AM	Department Headquarters Registration Badges Legion & Auxiliary & SAL	Lobby Boardroom
9:00 AM	Opening Session	Rose Garden
	Call to Order (Rap 3 times)	Oliver Moore III <i>Department Commander</i>
	Advance of Colors	Wayne Dommert

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*Department Sgt-at-Arms*  
John Prince & Darren Duvall  
*Department Color Sergeants*

Advance of District Colors  
District Commanders  
District Color Sergeants

Invocation (uncovered)  
Keith Fontenot  
*Department Chaplain*

POW/MIA Ceremony  
Keith Fontenot  
*Department Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance  
Sidney Parfait  
*Department Vice*

Preamble (recover)  
Dennis Hart  
*Department Vice*

Memorial Service  
Keith Fontenot  
*Department Chaplain*

Presentation of Convention Gavel  
Byron K. Comeaux  
National Executive

**Greetings:**

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Introduction of Honored Guests

Oliver Moore III  
*Department Commander*

City of Alexandria

Jacques Roy  
*Mayor*

City of Pineville

Joseph Bishop  
*Mayor*

Disabled American Veterans

Robert Chapman  
*Dept Commander*

40 & 8

Adam Blanchard  
*For the Grand Chef de Gare*

VFW

Debbie McElhannon  
*Commander*

AMVETS

Emmett Bailey  
*Commander*

Introduce Past Department Commanders

Angela Gomon  
*Junior Past Department*

Introduction of Leading Candidate

Byron K. Comeaux  
*National Executive Committeeman*

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**Reports & Awards:**

Department 4H & FFA Scholarship Awards  
Michael Peats  
*Chairperson*

Department C. L. Stiffel Award  
Hoston Whitley  
*Chairperson*

Department JROTC and Eagle Scout Awards  
Garry Winchester  
*Chairperson*

Report of Post Credentials  
Bob Chenier  
*Adjutant*

Reading of Proposed Resolutions  
Oliver Moore III  
*Department Commander*

1:00 PM Department Training (1:00-4:00PM)  
Training Committee  
*Room 140*

4:00 PM Joint Children & Youth  
Herbie Petit – *Chairperson*  
Plantation Room

5:00 PM M.C. “Mike” Gehr Blue Cap Club  
Rodney Holliday, *President*  
Sunflower Room

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5:30 PM	Cash Bar – Testimonial	Solarium
6:00 PM	SAL DEC Session	Pelican Room
6:00 PM	Doors open for Testimonial Dinner	
7:00 PM	Joint Testimonial Dinner (Legion, Auxiliary & SAL)	Rose Garden
7:00-11:00 PM	DJ	Atrium

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026**

8:00 AM	Department Headquarters Registration Badges Legion & Auxiliary & SAL	Lobby Boardroom
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9:00 AM	Reconvene Legion Joint Session (w/ Auxiliary, .....	Rose Garden
	Call to Order	Oliver Moore III <i>Department Commander</i>

**Greetings:**

American Legion Auxiliary	Amy Watts <i>National Executive Committeewoman</i>
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American Legion Auxiliary	Unchella Wicker <i>Department President</i>
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Sons of the American Legion	John Lawrence
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*National Executive Committeeman*

Sons of the American Legion

Robert Higgins, Jr.

*Detachment Commander*

LA Department of Veterans Affairs

Charlton Meginley

*Secretary*

LA Army & Air National Guard

Kevin James

*Col US Army NG*

Introduction of National Guests

Byron K. Comeaux

*National Executive Committeeman*

National Vice Commander

Jan D. "JD" Larson

10:00 Junior Auxiliary

Sunflower

**The Auxiliary and SAL members will be dismissed to their respective Conferences**

**Awards/Reports:**

Educator of the Year

Linda Resendez

*Chairperson*

Children & Youth

Herbie Petit, Jr.

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	<i>Chairperson</i>
Commission on Media & Communications	Lynette Blanchard <i>Chairperson</i>
Commission on Boys State	Tina Cielatka <i>Chairperson</i>
Commission on National Security & Governmental Affairs	Corey Moore
<i>Firefighter of the Year</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>
<i>Law Enforcement Officer of the Year</i>	
<i>Citizen of the Year</i>	
Commission on Baseball	Sidney Parfait <i>Chairperson</i>
Commission of Finance	Sidney Parfait <i>Chairperson</i>
Commission on Department Convention	Russell Henry <i>Chairperson</i>
Constitution & By-Laws Committee	Byron K. Comeaux <i>Chairperson</i>

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Commission on Internal Affairs

Charles Aucoin

*Chairperson*

Membership Vote on Proposed Resolutions

Oliver Moore III

*Department Commander*

Recess

12 noon Past Department Commander's Luncheon

Room 140

1:30 PM Reconvene

Rose Garden

Call to Order

Oliver Moore III

*Department Commander*

#### VETERANS BENEFIT SESSION

This is an open meeting for those interested in Veterans Affairs, Veterans Rehabilitation problems, and Veterans Legislation.

\* Open to the Public (convention badges are not required) \*

This session will also include a Veterans Comprehensive Needs Assessment conducted by the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs

1:30 PM LDVA/ULL VA Focus Groups (1:30-5:00PM)

Dr. Jerome Buller

*LDVA Deputy Secretary*

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**District Caucus Room Assignments**  
(Candidates visits – 15 minutes each)

3:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> District	Sunflower
	3 <sup>rd</sup> District	Dogwood
	5 <sup>th</sup> District	Azalea
	7 <sup>th</sup> District	Orchid
4:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Sunflower
	4 <sup>th</sup> District	Dogwood
	6 <sup>th</sup> District	Azalea
	8 <sup>th</sup> District	Orchid
5:00 PM	Past Post Commander's Club	Dogwood
5:00 PM	Children's Workshop	NALC Alumni Atrium
6:00 PM	Department Auxiliary President Reception	Plantation
6:00 PM	SAL Sponsored Cornhole Tournament	Solarium
7:00-11:00 PM	DJ	Atrium

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8:00 AM Department Headquarters Lobby Boardroom  
Registration Badges Legion & Auxiliary & SAL

9:00 AM Reconvene for Final Session Rose Garden

Call to Order Oliver Moore III  
*Department Commander*

Invocation Keith Fontenot  
*Department Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance Sidney Parfait  
*Department Vice*

Preamble (recover) Dennis Hart  
*Department Vice*

Judge Advocate Report William Stroud  
*Department Judge Advocate*

Report of Department Vice Commanders  
Membership Awards

Districts 4, 5, 7, & 8 Dennis Hart

Districts 1, 2, 3, & 6 Sidney Parfait

*Department Vice Commanders*

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M. C. “Mike” Gehr Blue Cap Award	Rodney Holliday <i>President</i>
Report of Department Commander	Oliver Moore III <i>Department Commander</i>
Introduction of New Detachment Commander	Oliver Moore III <i>Department Commander</i>
Other Business requiring action of Convention	Oliver Moore III <i>Department Commander</i>
Presentation of Caps to New District Cmdrs & Dist DEC	Byron K. Comeaux <i>National Executive Committeeman</i>
Introduction/Installation of New Dist Cmdrs & Dist DEC	Oliver Moore III <i>Department Commander</i>
Presentation of Caps to Outgoing Department Officers	Byron K. Comeaux <i>National Executive Committeeman</i>
Final Report of Credentials & Voting Eligibility, Post Roll	Bob Chenier <i>Department Adjutant</i>

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Nomination of Candidates running for Department Offices (3 minute time limit)

VOTING RULES

Election Order of Department Officers

(2) Color Sergeants

(1) Sergeant-at-Arms

(2) Vice Commanders

(1) Department Commander

Election of Delegates (10) & Alternates (5) to  
National Convention

Bob Chenier

*Department Adjutant*

Presentation of Caps to Newly Elected Department  
Officers

Byron K. Comeaux

*National Executive Committeeman*

Installation of Newly Elected Department Officers

Oliver Moore III

*Jr. Past Department Commander*

Pinning of Department Commander and Vice Commanders

Colors will remain in place

The Post-Department Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC)  
meeting will be held immediately following adjournment of Department

All 2025-2026 Department Officers, District Officers plus District DEC Members  
must attend

Adjourn

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**POST CONVENTION DEC MEETING**

Call to Order and Salute the Colors	Department Commander
Invocation	Department Chaplain
POW.MIA	Department Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	Department Vice
Preamble (recover)	Department Vice
Roll Call of Voting DEC Members	Department Adjutant
Recommendation on Appointment of Department Adjutant	Oliver Moore III <i>Jr Past Department Commander</i>
Recommendation on Appointment of Department Assistant Adjutant	Oliver Moore III <i>Jr Past Department Commander</i>
Appointment of Other Department Officers	Department Commander
Appointment of Commission Chairpersons	Department Commander

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Other Business for the DEC

Department Commander

Benediction

Department Chaplain

Retire POW/MIA Flag

Department Vice Commanders

Adjourn

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